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G. R. McPHERSON OF CSS

IS NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

The newly elected Board of Directors for the Dallas USDA Club at their luncheon meeting held in February elected G. R. McPherson, Deputy Director for Management, CSS, President of the Club for 1955.

Other officers elected were Frank C. McClendon of
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USDA CLUB ELECTED DIRECTORS FOR 1955

Elections were held in the different agencies of USDA in March whereby directors and alternates for the Dallas USDA Club were elected by the employees to serve during the coming year.

The following were elected. The name of the Agency and director precede the alternate:

C&I Division, CSS, John P. Cunningham, Curtis W. Ragsdale; Information Division, AMS, Harold Bryson, Bill Overbeck; Milk Marketing Administration, C. G. Hook, H. M. Mayes; Audit
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TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF TEN PER CENT PAY

RAISES IN SENATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

By Rector B. Meyer

Ten per cent pay raises for upwards of 1,600,000 postal and classified employees in the Federal Government have been given tentative approval by the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

The pay increases would be made effective as of the first pay period after last December 31.

The Administration suffered a setback when the Senate Committee gave its backing to the 10 per cent figure and dumped the President's bill for raises averaging five per cent. The Senate committee rejected the Administration measure by a vote of 7 to 3.
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JACKSON MISS. MAN IS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF MKT. NEWS (F&V)

Thomas C. Hill has replaced Gene Paulson as Officer in Charge of the Market News (F&V) office. Mr. Paulson was transferred to Kansas City early in January. Twice during the past year Mr. Hill relieved Mr. Paulson, so he is not entirely a stranger. He reports that he received his training on the Chicago Market, has worked in various shipping points, including Detroit, Michigan and Jackson, Mississippi, coming to Dallas from Jackson.
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RED CROSS CLASSES WILL START APRIL 12

The Red Cross Fund Drive is almost over. Now that you are a member of Red Cross, why not volunteer and really become a working member of the team?

Beginning April 12, classes for the various volunteer services will be held at the Chapter House, 2300 McKinney Avenue, tailored especially for the business women. To serve as a Gray Lady 12 hours of training is required, and also for Canteen Service; Motor
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LENT AND LIFE

In these days of atomic energy when it is possible to destroy an entire city with a single explosion we find a queer kind of unrest in people's minds.

Actually, as has been said, "Nations have come to the time when unless we learn to fraternize we may all vaporize." This is one way of saying that the most important development the world can make today is along moral and spiritual lines.

As Joshua Liebman points out in his book "Peace of Mind," "Unless men have faith and love and mutual respect and understanding, the possession of wealth and fame can be nothing more than a mere hollow mockery." Without the spiritual values that make life worthwhile, the possession of material things not only are presently meaningless but as we think of eternity have even less meaning.

Lent focuses our attention on spiritual matters. There may be an end here, "A last sunset and the clasp of hands through tears," but in another world, life will go on, and the values will be there however different things may be. Easter thoughts bring us the proof of a life hereafter.

How many of us take time out to look at the trees, flowers and shrubbery and wonder how they grow. Or to look into the

skies at night with the myriads of stars and say, "How Wonderful!"

At Lent you feel a thankfulness in the friendship of loved ones - even if taken from you for a time - in the beauty of poetry and music, in the loveliness of nature and in your heart the knowledge of the truth which you have seen and know to be a vision of the real nature of God. Sometimes in a moment of insight, whether through the love of a child, the song of a bird, the magic of a poem or a trusted friendship, you feel as if you have had a glimpse of eternity. The end of all being is to be one with God, the greatest "value" ever conceived. Lent makes you feel that when you enter the new life in the next world that nothing of value will be lost.

TRUTH OF THE MATTER

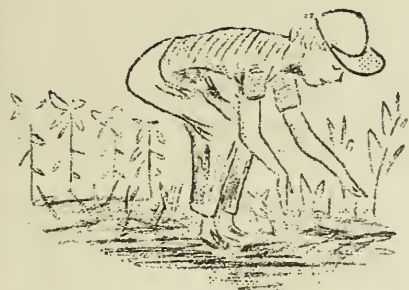
Two men were sharing a seat in a train. One of them was no less than 80 years old. But his eyes were keen, his laugh sounded young, and there was vigor in his every movement. The other man, about middle age, envied the stranger of his youth.

"What is the secret," he asked, "of your astonishing vitality?"

The older man laughed with contentment.

"I'm living," said he "on the interest of a well invested youth." - How much are you investing? It's later than you think.

'SMALL' GARDEN IS SUGGESTED TO CITY DWELLERS



There's plenty of satisfaction and amazing production in a "small" garden.

The garden fever, however, often persuades folks to plant a larger area than they can properly care for. So when you plant this year's garden, trim it down to your size, advises B. G. Hancock, extension horticulturalist.

Spread out your plantings so the harvest will extend over a longer period of time, suggests Hancock. A garden planted at one time causes over-production for a short period and then supplies are gone.

Plant a variety of vegetables, about 32 are commonly grown in Texas. Why not try a new vegetable each season, he says.

Have chemical fertilizers, insecticides, seed treating chemicals and other needed equipment on hand for ready use.

English peas, turnips, cabbage, onions, head lettuce and white potatoes can stand considerable cold weather and may be planted four to five weeks before the last average killing frost.

Other vegetables adapted

to early planting -- two to three weeks before the last frost -- are radishes, mustard, beets, carrots and leaf lettuce.

Finally Hancock says for best results plant those vegetables suited to your particular area.



OUR VERY NEWEST

Nancy Louise Polson, whose birthday is February 13, 1955 arrived in Dallas to make her home with her parents, Chester and Gladys Polson of 5523 Miller Avenue.

Mr. Polson, Chief of Program Operations Division, is always a congenial and jovial person but there was something about him on the above date that indicated something special. He reports the little girl is looking about and noticing things at this time.

Nancy Evelyn Godwin arrived a little later than Nancy Louise Polson. Her birthday is March 7.

She will reside in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Godwin of 1220 South Freeman. Ernest has been an employee of CSS for some time and he, also, appeared quite proud of his new boarder.

This is the third child born to the Godwin's. The other two are boys so Nancy Evelyn was especially welcome!!

DORIS L. CROWLEY WINS CASH AWARD



A cash award of \$10.00 was presented in February to Mrs. Doris L. Crowley of the Fiscal Division, CSS, for an employee suggestion offered by her.

Called into the office of H. C. Goodpasture, Chief, Fiscal Division, with her supervisors, W. C. Campbell, J. T. Hedgepeth, and E. O. Bart, Chief, Examination Section, where Mrs. Crowley works, the presentation of the check by Mr. Goodpasture was quite a surprise. Mr. Goodpasture spoke words of appreciation for the suggestion and encouraged Mrs. Crowley to offer other employee suggestions.

The suggestion adopted was to use the rubber stamp on the office letterhead stationery, which was left on hand from the former Production and Marketing Administration, and save the time required to type "Commodity Stabilization Service" and the address of the office.

This is the second cash award won by Mrs. Crowley.

TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF TEN PER CENT PAY

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The Administration, however, can be expected to fight both of the Johnston postal and classified pay bills. It is backing average increases of 6.5 per cent for postal employes; 4.9 per cent for classified and Foreign Service personnel, and 4.4 per cent for Veterans Administration's doctors, nurses and dentists. It would also reclassify jobs in the postal service.

Chairman Olin D. Johnston (D-SC) said the committee will meet again this week to consider the 10 per cent increase for classified workers. He said a majority of the committee appeared to favor the proposal.

The Johnston bills which the committee will report to the Senate would give postal employes a 10 per cent raise with a minimum of \$400 on any single increase. It would give postal clerks and both city and rural letter carriers a minimum increase of \$430 a year. The bill does not provide for postal job reclassification which the President told Congress is a "must." The classified pay bill would provide increases ranging from \$200 to \$1200 in the GS schedule.

However, the 10 per cent pay increase may be headed for a Presidential veto even if both the House and Senate approve it. President Eisenhower last year vetoed a 5 per cent raise for postal and other Federal civil service workers because it was not tied to an increase in postal rates.

The pay raise prospects for Government employes have been helped by the move of Congress to increase its own pay. Consequently the legislators can be expected to be in a little more generous mood than usual in dealing with the pay raises to be given to Federal employes.

RED CROSS CLASSES, ETC

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Service requires 29 hours of training and Nurse's Aide 82 hours.

Calls for all services are increasing to such an extent that YOU AND YOU are needed - not only your dollars, but YOU and your willingness and ability to work. Won't you call Prospect 8791, and JOIN and Serve?

JACKSON MISS. MAN, ETC.

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There will be very little difference in the work at Jackson and Dallas except that in Jackson, the Market News Office gave quotations on the broiler output; while in Dallas, Hill will report on the East Texas tomato crop and the North Texas onion crop during those seasons.

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G. R. McPHERSON, ETC.

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Cotton Division and J. C. Ashton, Audit Division, CSS; vice presidents; Mary Sinclair, CSS, treasurer; and Opal McDonald, CSS, secretary.

It was decided at the meeting that the secretary would forward a list of the permanent committees and their duties to each director and ask each director to make a recommendation to the president, within five days, for the chairman of each committee; and that the president and vice presidents appoint from that group, the chairmen of the five committees and such other committees as are deemed advisable.

"We expect to have committee chairmen appointed in the near future and the Club objectives for the year outlined and planned real soon," stated new president G. R. McPherson.

QUOTES

"It is much easier to be critical than correct."

"Two thirds of promotion is notion."

"There are no victories without conflicts - no rainbows without a cloud and a storm."

Mr. Hill was accompanied to Dallas by his wife and two daughters - Susan Kay and Nanette Marie. Welcome to Big D.

VALENTINES

Dearest Jesus, how I love you
 Today, I give my heart to Thee
 As a valentine, my Jesus.
 I hope you like it -- It's from me.

And, dear Mary, you get something
 A rosary I'll say for you
 And please remind your Holy Son
 To help me all the long day through.

And to you, dear St. Therese,
 I will say some fervent prayers
 And in return, will you help me
 To become one of Heaven's heirs?

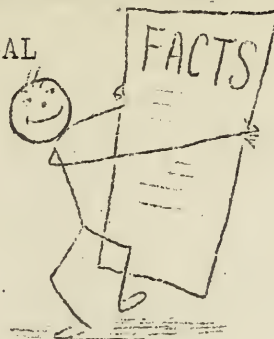
And the Angel - great St. Michael
 I will say a prayer to you
 Will you ask the Saviour Jesus
 To bless me -- Oh, please do!

To St. Joseph and the angels
 And all the saints in Heaven above
 I send valentines of prayers
 But above all else - I send my Love.

-Stella Bart-

The above poem was reprinted from the publication, The Crusade, sponsored by St. James School, Dallas, Texas where Stella is a pupil. Stella is only 12 years old and displays unusual talent in poetry as the above indicates. She is the daughter of E. O. Bart, Chief, Examination Section, FI, CSS.

FISCAL



By Mildred Yeager

Katherine Zuccarro is sporting a new Oldsmobile - color, India Ivory. Congratulations, Katherine!

Jean Howard and her mother, Ruth Shields, will soon be enjoying their brand new home which is under construction at Grapevine, Texas. Ruth is former secretary to C. H. Moseley, Director of CSS.

What do you think of this? Dottie Bankston started to Patricia Stevens Finishing School of late. After 20 hours of classes she was selected from her group for a modeling job - with pay, too.

Dottie was chosen to model for the series of health lectures given by Howard Inches at Hotel Dallas. The lectures continued for ten days. Dottie modeled each evening. Her title was "Miss Health." More power to you, Dottie!

L. E. Sullivan has returned from a business trip to several points in Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. His cheery disposition was missed for several days.

Juanita Blanton has returned from Sun Valley, Idaho, where she enjoyed skiing and other things. She was missed and envied while away.

H. C. Goodpasture, Chief, Fiscal Division, and David L. Wells recently returned from a business trip to Washington. They made the trip in company with C. W. Polson, Chief, Program Operations Division.

Mary Griffin and Naomi Gibson, former employees in the Fiscal Division, have returned to work with us again. Welcome back!

Eunice Thompson, Daniel Dimieri and Evelyn Chappel are new employees in the Fiscal Division. Eunice Thompson is a former employee of the Veteran's Administration.

Sympathy is extended to Lula B. Morgan, whose mother, Mrs. C. G. Morgan of Dallas, recently passed away.

Lyndon Henry, 13 year old son of Flora Henry, has recently been granted a license as an Amateur Radio Operator, Novice Class. This entitles him to send code messages under Call No. WN5KGF.

Lyndon is quite a busy boy. Besides his radio work and school work, he is a prominent Boy Scout. He was recently busy putting signs on cars in the vicinity of CSS which read "Speed Kills!" Lyndon did this in his Boy Scout work cooperating with the Citizens' Traffic Commission.

We predict a bright future for such a busy boy. Lyndon comes to CSS occasionally on business with his mother and is becoming
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FISCAL FACTS

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favorably known to many of us.

Employees of the Commodity Office especially appreciate the recent visit of Howard A. Allison and Fred Hill, personnel men from Denver, who explained many phases of classification of Government positions.

The movies shown were instructive and helpful and the question and answer meeting most advantageous.

These pointers enabled employees to understand the whys and wherefores of actions taken regarding their individual cases.

Thanks very much, Mr. Allison and Mr. Hill.

Nadine Jolly and her five year old daughter, Patricia, are displaying their musical talent by playing several pieces together. Nadine, watch Patricia as she will soon be able to give pointers and it will be hard to tell which is going stronger.

One of our women employees has already answered the call to duty after being summoned for petit jury service in Dallas, February 21-25, inclusive. It is none other than Beryl Ashcraft.

Mrs. Ashcraft reports it was an interesting experience. She was the first woman juror before the Judge and the attorneys. The duties were to listen to witnesses on

each side of the case and weigh the evidence carefully - then make a decision. It boils down to your answer of "Yes" or "No", "Guilty" or "Not Guilty". As this is something new to Texas women everyone was anxious to hear Beryl's experience.

If you enjoy Red Calhoun and his band you may have the privilege of hearing them each Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 and each Monday and Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 12:00 at the Hilltop Club, 2534 West Davis. Jimmy McKissick, husband of our Alice McKissick, is proprietor of the Club.

Ruth Wood has been away from her post of duty for sometime due to illness. Ruth is missed and we hope she will soon be back.

John Bolish, Chief, Western Area Personnel Management Division, Denver, Colorado, formerly with us in Dallas, said "Hello" to employees recently while he was in our city for a short time.

Elizabeth Ragsdale, former employee of CSS, was in our city recently. She has been stationed in New Orleans and reports things are O.K. with her. She contacted Edith West and of course asked about the buddies she left here.

Bobbye Wren has returned to work after undergoing surgery recently. Bobbye was in a bus accident during the Christmas holidays. Glad you're back, Bobbye.

Bill Oakley, popular employee of our Fiscal

Division, left recently for Columbia, South Carolina where he and his family will make their home.

Bill received a nice promotion in the transfer. He is missed by his numerous friends here.

"Betsy Kiss", daughter of our Alice McKissick, is now taking guitar lessons. Betsy has quite a reputation already as she was almost famous when she sang in her cowgirl costumes with Jimmy Dean and his Texas Wildcats on the USS Mount Vernon of Washington, D. C. for the past two summers. Betsy has also broadcasted from Station WRL of Arlington, Virginia.

TYPING HINT

In typing stencils for procedure and other important matters and eradication is necessary, in order to get a clear print of the stencil use the correction fluid on the reverse side of the stencil as well as the front side - in other words the letters cut must be taken out on both front and reverse sides of the sheet. And always place the cushion sheet underneath the stencil until the fluid is dry - otherwise it sticks to the backing of the stencil and often breaks later ruining the stencil. - Mildred Yeager, CSS.

AMS PLentiful FOODS
ANNOUNCES MARCH ITEMS

SPECIAL FEATURES:

CANNED SWEET CORN
CANNED SNAP BEANS



CANNED SWEET CORN



The date of March 21-27 has been chosen for the special promotion of Canned Sweet Corn and Canned Snap Beans. Prices are moderate.

TASTY RECIPE

Scalloped Corn

2 cups cooked whole-kernel corn (drained)
Salt and pepper
1 cup thin white sauce
Fine crumbs mixed with table fat

Put corn into a greased baking dish. Season, add sauce, top with crumbs. Bake 30 to 45 minutes (moderate oven) - 4 servings.

White Sauce: 1 cup thin milk - 1 tablespoon flour - 1 tablespoon fat

Melt fat and blend in the flour to make a smooth mixture. Add milk slowly and cook over very low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Add salt to taste - about 1/4 teaspoon for each cup of milk used. Cook 3 to 5 minutes longer, stirring occasionally.

CANNED SNAP BEANS



The 1954 pack of canned green and wax beans was the highest ever recorded, assuring abundant supplies for all.

SPANISH SNAP BEANS

1 tablespoon fat
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1/3 cup chopped green pepper
1 cup canned tomatoes
1 1/2 cups canned snap beans
Salt and pepper
Toasted bread cubes

Heat the fat and brown the onion and green pepper in it. Add tomatoes and cook slowly about 15 minutes.

Add beans and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Heat thoroughly. Turn into serving dish and top with bread cubes. - 4 servings.

Scalloped corn and spanish snap beans would be appropriate items to select for spring dinners.

FISH

Fish - fresh, frozen, canned or salted - provides high quality protein and lends interesting flavor and variety to meat planning.

Continued heavy supplies of haddock, halibut, shrimp and canned tuna mean that they can be merchandised at prices very attractive to consumers.

The Lenten season, which extends through March, should see a substantial increase in consumption of fish.

FRIED FISH CUTLETS



1 to 1 1/2 lbs. fresh fish cutlets (salmon, cod, rockfish, or haddock).

1 egg
1 tablespoon water
3/4 tablespoon salt
1 cup fine bread crumbs
Fat

Cut fillets in serving pieces. Beat egg, water, and salt. Dip the fish in this mixture and roll in crumbs.

Heat fat, put in the cutlets and cook slowly for 10 to 15 minutes.

Drain on absorbent paper. Garnish with lemon and parsley.

Serve with snap beans and canned corn.

POULTRY PERSONALS

By Ruth C. Brown

Frank J. Santo, Area Supervisor Poultry Grading Division, Des Moines, Iowa and R. A. Dorsett, Poultry Division, Washington, D. C. were Dallas visitors on February 5, when a review Shell Egg Grading school was held with members of the Texas and Oklahoma Poultry Grading Division, along with representatives of the Quartermaster Market Centers.

AMS Poultry employees attending were L. Merriman, Houston; H. E. Walker, San Antonio; A. B. Spencer, Oklahoma City; J. A. Bybee and John H. Halverson, Dallas.

Marie Bratcher, Cotton Division, returned February 15 (3:00 A. M. to be exact) from a trip to California. While in the Sunny State, Marie visited in Los Angeles, Fresno, Bakersfield and San Francisco. While in Bakersfield, she visited with Mr. W. K. Palmer who was formerly with the Dallas Cotton Division Office and is now in charge of the Bakersfield. On her return trip, she went over to Juarez and shopped for a while.

Embarrassing Moments:

LaRue Burroughs (Cotton) after eating her lunch uptown one day, discovered that she had no money with her!

Perry Sebastian (Food Distribution) hunting for the button or indicator to turn on his back-up lights on that latest Ford of his.

F. Z. Beanblossom, Extension Service, Texas A & M College, recently visited the Poultry Division office while enroute from the Fact Finding Conference in Kansas City to Bryan. Mr. Beanblossom brought greetings from John A. Hamann, Washington, formerly Area Supervisor Poultry Division, Dallas. The Fact Finding Conference was attended by members of industry and government agencies.

CHING AND YOSANA

Recently Lelda Ben Reddick, State FHA office, lost her two pet Siamese cats - Ching and Yosana. These pets had been with Lelda Ben and her mother for the past eight years and had become a part of their family. Despite the best efforts of the veterinarian, and all the love and attention of Lelda Ben and her mother, Ching and Yosana could not pull through. Those of us who love pets extend our sincere sympathy.

Little Things that Help:

When you park your car one morning and find that you have the correct change to pay your parking fee for the day and a ten dollar bill. The attendant cannot change your \$10, which means that you cannot buy a morning paper. When you smilingly remark on this, he says, "I'll let you have a nickel." A very small thing, but it makes the day brighter for this touch of kindness and courtesy.

It isn't your position, but your disposition that makes you happy or unhappy.

USDA CLUB ELECTED DIRECTORS FOR 1955

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Division, CSS, J. C. Ashton, A. F. Rounsaville; Plant Quarantine Branch, ARS, R. L. Clayton, none; Office of Solicitor, Walter J. Weltler, Bonnie Z. Williams; Poultry Division, J. A. Bybee, John Halverson; Cotton Division, Frank C. McClendon, Sam W. Martin; Extension Service, A. H. Pendleton, Bonnie H. Windle; County ASC Office, W. W. Farmer, none; Farmers Home Administration, L. D. Smith, Rush Crain; Food Distribution Division, AMS, Francis Earle, Vicki Sneed; Fruit and Vegetable Division, C. S. Lowthrop, Jr., none; CSS Commodity Office; G. R. McPherson, Billy J. Cox; Dorothy McClendon, Anne Morrow, Bill Williamson, H. G. Sundahl, Opal McDonald, Joe Chambers, W. C. Wakefield, A. C. Douglas, Pat Newton, Lena Terry, Harold R. Williams, H. G. Gilliam, Richard Nielson, W. O. Kretsinger, Mary Sinclair, Marie Garrison.

OLA WARD (CSS)

THANKS FRIENDS

I wish to express my appreciation to my friends for the many lovely cards, flowers, and other tokens sent me during my recent stay in Methodist Hospital. Our Cheer Club brings cheer and individual tokens are especially appreciated.

-Ola B. Ward-

Some defeats are only installments of victories.

DEAR MARGUERITE:

My darling, this is a love letter from me to you. I'm having it published because I think everyone else feels the same about you that I do.

Even if noone else did (that's impossible, of course, but let's not suppose), I'd still write this letter just for myself.

Marguerite, I love you because you gave me the idea away back down the line that you were interested in me as an individual, as well as an employee. I always felt that you were a little more on my side than on the side of the Register, the Regulations and the Budget.

Moreover, I love you because you brought a pleasant dignity to a position in which it is difficult to combine pleasantness and dignity.

I love you for your incomparable honesty and fairness, in a position where both virtues can become clouded by tiring routine and volume of work and reams of Regulations.

I admire you for combining a brilliant career of work with the rearing of a fine family. I admire the courage you have shown in times of personal sorrow and in times of poor health.

I admire your bright wit, your beauty, and I am envious of the esteem

in which you are held by both men and women all up and down the scale of our work.

In the ten years I have known you, I have never heard even one person speak unkindly of you (and I've heard some who were awfully unhappy, love).

All that sounds pretty eulogistic, doesn't it, love? Then let me end it this way:

When it comes to people, "You just can't hardly find your kind no more!"

-D. M. W.-

P. S. And by the way, Russ Vernon, I would have dyed my hair white, but my wife wouldn't let me.



There is all of beauty in these few things--
A new-born child, and a new-born moon,
A tree a bud in the flush of Spring,
A ship at sea--and a bride in June;
Ivy and bittersweet in Fall--
But the bride is the loveliest of all!

--Anne Mary Lavler

(The above copied and dedicated to Yvonne Kile Dillahey and Marguerite Hawk Vernon.)

HAWK-VERNON WEDDING

Details of the recent wedding of Marguerite Hawk

and Russell A Vernon will appear in the next issue of the USDA Club News.

WINTER

I try to be attuned to Winter's unrest,
But to me one thing is strange,
In winter all nature is undressed,
Tho fully attired in the spring.

First the green and the gold of the trees,
Enter winter in beauty arrayed,
'Long comes frost chilling breeze,
Waits them away--Gone--Decayed!

Left naked, trees like martyrs are standing,
So chilled! In low moaning they sing,
All nature's beauty again demanding,
When winter has turned to spring.

Like trees we're put to the test,
Hardships are virtues, that bring out our best -
Victorious, we face life again,
Proving outward appearance counts little,
What we are made of is the thing!
-Mrs. Geo. E. Biggerstaff-
Putnam, Texas

GOOD GUESS?

The Sunday School teacher asked her three year old pupils: "Do you remember who St. Matthew was?" No answer. "Who was St. Mark?" No answer. "Surely some of you must remember who St. Peter was."

Tiny voice: "I fink he was a wabbit!"

POPULAR CSS GIRL
MARRIED RECENTLY

Yvonne Kils of CSS and Powell Dillahey of Dallas were married January 23 in the home of her sister, Mrs. D. B. Lovell, 323 Circle Drive. Reverend W. E. Garth, assistant pastor of Central Baptist Church performed the double ring ceremony before the fireplace decorated with palm trees and white stock, with candleabra in the background.

Yvonne wore a powder blue faille dress of princess lines and carried a white orchid encircled with white carnations.

Margie Kavanaugh and L. W. Rucker were honor attendants. Margie wore a beige suit and carried a bouquet of talisman chrysanthemums.

Evelyn Handley and Keith Brintle, sister of the groom, assisted the hostess in serving at the reception immediately following the ceremony.

Margie entertained the bride and groom with a reception at her home prior to their departure on their honeymoon.

On February 11, Margie Kavanaugh and Marguerite Hark gave a personal shower for Yvonne in Margie's home. Pink was the chosen color of the decoration theme. The center piece of the table was a "Ship of Happiness" with long streamers wishing "Smooth Sailing" extending to the gifts on the coffee table. The cheese cake was decorated in white with pink roses and pink wedding

bells.

On February 12, Shirley Bell, Ann Gray and Evelyn Handley honored Yvonne and Powell with a buffet supper and wedding shower. Nannette Tyson, blind pianist, entertained the guests during the evening with the old traditional love songs and wedding songs, dedicated a love story "In the Usual Way" to the newly wedded couple and oh, yes, accompanied Russell Vernon and R. N. Nielsen to various wedding songs and by the way they were very good.

The buffet supper was very nice and the forty some odd guests mingled among each other and had a very nice time.

Yvonne and Powell can't make up their minds if getting married is like Christmas time or Christmas time is like getting married - they have averaged at least one gift every week since they took the big step and said, "I do". Says Yvonne and Powell, "We're so lucky to have so many thoughtful friends."

Yvonne is one of the most popular employees of CSS and our most hearty congratulations are extended Powell Dillahey.

FABWODI

To promote employee suggestions, a railroad widely publicized the "mystery word" FABWODI and won an award itself from the National Association of Suggestion Systems. Turned out the word was abbreviation for "Find a Better Way of Doing it."

NEW CLUB PRESIDENT
ENJOYS FISHING HOBBY



G. R. McPherson, newly elected president of the Dallas USDA Club, indulged in one of his favorite pastimes recently - fishing, on the grounds of what is known as the Polson Shady Acres.

He reported a catch of bass but the exact number was not remembered. There seemed to be a variance in the estimated number caught but it was said if our Great Father or His Son had been present there would have been enough to have fed the multitudes.

Some say only two fish would be needed if the above could have been and others say three were used and some say five were used to feed five thousand. If you remember your Sunday School teaching you will be able to make a good estimate of what was probably caught.

COULD BE?

Train Conductor: "Where do you work in Dallas?"

Mildred Yeager: "At the Department of Agriculture."

Train Conductor: "What do you do? Plow?"
